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1. The Chinese Communist and Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) Volunteer Army comprises the following troops drawn from Chinese Communist units in Kwangsi and Kwangtung:
 - a. Five thousand troops from the 51 and 53 Armies, 21 Army Group, now training in the Chennankuan (106-41, 21-58) area.¹
 - b. Five thousand troops in the Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09) area from the 13 Army Group.
 - c. Five thousand troops from the Lu Hua (陸華) Column, which is composed of Kwangsi troops, in the Lungchou (106-56, 22-22) area.
 - d. Three thousand troops from the Yunnan-Kweichow-Kwangsi Column, in the T'ienpao (106-43, 23-23) area.²
 - e. Three thousand troops from other local units -- such as the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column, the Pearl River Column, and the Central Kwangtung Column -- training in the Manning (106-18, 22-48) area.³
2. The uniforms and equipment for the above troops are different from that of the regular Chinese Communist troops.⁴ Troops of the DRV Volunteer Army are being obtained under the supervision of DRV army officers.
 1. Comment. stated that 53 Army troops had been killed by French bombing on 7 January in Lang Son.
 2. Comment. units of this column were transferred to regular army units under TENG Hua and CHEN Man-yuan in November 1951.

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3. Comment. For further information on Chinese Communist troop movements in this area, especially as they affect aid to the DRV,

4. Comment. It is possible that DRV uniforms and equipment are being used.

5. Comment. This may be an error for trained.

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